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AMHERST VISITED BY SEVERE STORM

Corn in Some Sections Damaged, but Tobacco Escapes Injury.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., June 24.—Portions of Amherst county were visited by a severe wind and rain storm late Saturday afternoon, and in some places considerable hail fell during the storm. The rainfall in places is reported to have been very heavy, a mute testimony to this-day being the clouded condition of the city water supply from the Pedlar River reservoir.

In some sections damage to corn is reported, the stalk being cut considerably by the stones, but as far as can be learned, not much damage was done to the growing tobacco, because the plants are yet too small to be injured to a great extent.

Beyond Monroe not a little damage was done by wind, trees being broken and uprooted, and some fencing was blown down, but this does not appear to have been to any great extent.

It is reported that the hailstorm was the most severe in the eastern section of the county, but no report could be had to-day as to the effect. It is thought, however, if there was more hail here than there was around Monroe considerable damage must have been done to growing crops.

SHELL GIVE MEN A CHANCE.

Mayor of Wyoming Town Says Women Should "Run Over" Them.

Dayton, Wyo., June 24.—"The men of this town have just as many rights and privileges as the women have, and I am not going to permit the women to 'run over' the men," says Mrs. Susie Wisler, the new Mayor of Dayton, and, incidentally, the first woman Mayor in Wyoming, despite the fact that this State was the first to enfranchise women.

Mayor Wisler has been in office several weeks, and as yet none of the dire business calamities that were predicted during the campaign have materialized.

"I'm not going to let the women impose on the men," says Mayor Wisler, who, by the way, is a widow. "The men need have no fear on that score. We are going to make of Dayton the cleanest town in Wyoming, morally, physically, financially and in every other way. But the women will not run the men out of town. The men can stay as long as they behave themselves."

Berry—Ellis. Fredericksburg, Va., June 24.—Millard Dewey Berry, of Fairfax county, and Miss Glenora Ellis, of Stafford county, came here late Saturday and were married by Rev. R. A. Williams, at the latter's residence.

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URGES COUNCIL TO ACCEPT HOSPITAL

Subcommittee Reports Favorably on Plan to Acquire and Enlarge Memorial.

FINAL ACTION ON FRIDAY

Questions of Administration and Maintenance Cause Temporary Hitch.

Despite a report by the subcommittee recommending the proposition as one meriting acceptance by the city, the Council Committee on Relief of the Poor and Finance, in joint meeting last night, declined to take immediate action on the proposal to take over the present Memorial Hospital from the Charlotte Williams Hospital Corporation, which now controls it. A number of committee members were opposed to proceeding further with the matter without more information in regard to the cost of maintenance and enlargement.

Following two hours of discussion, the committee adopted a motion offered by Dr. C. M. Miller, appointing the chairman of the committee, which have the matter in hand, a committee of two to confer with the Charlotte Williams Hospital Corporation and the City Attorney touching the question of control and administration. The committee was instructed to report at a joint meeting to be held next Friday night.

Owners Will Give Up Control. The question of control, which proved the stumbling block at a previous meeting of the committee called to consider the advisability of the acquisition by the city of the Memorial Hospital property, was practically adjusted last night. E. L. Bemis, of the Charlotte Williams Hospital Corporation, stated to the committee that the present owners would be willing to enter into an arrangement which, while insuring them some voice in the management of the institution, would at the same time place the city in absolute control.

Propositions to place the hospital, if acquired by the city, under the direction of a committee consisting of from seven to eleven members, the majority of which should be appointed by the city, were met with numerous objections and recommendations were made. It was pointed out by several members that to place this institution in the hands of a special board would in effect amount to encroaching upon the functions reserved for the new Administrative Board, which was designed to take care of just such matters. Jacob Linlauf, vigorously opposed the special board plan as illegal under the amended city charter, and insisted that the new Administrative Board was the body to take active charge of the administration of the hospital.

Question of Cost Up.

Next to the question of control, that of the cost of enlarging the present building to the dimensions demanded by the needs of the city, as well as the expense of maintenance, was the most debated. On the point of the difference of opinion, the subcommittee appended to its report estimates furnished by Building Inspector H. P. Beck, which placed the cost of the extension at about \$300,000. Figures supplied by Dr. George Ben Johnston, a number of Richmond architects estimated the cost of an annex at from \$75,000 to \$115,000.

The tentative plans submitted by the architects to Dr. Johnston, said Mr. Beck, would, with minor modifications, be acceptable to the office of the Building Inspector. He insisted, however, that a building constructed in accordance with the specifications laid down would cost nearer \$200,000 than the \$115,000, which was the highest bid of the contractors. The present building, he said, was erected at a cost of \$183,200 by the same contractor who now offered to build the annex, which will be 20 per cent. larger, for only \$75,000.

Beck presented his opinion in the form of a communication, which was attached to the subcommittee's report. It recommended as preferable to the acquisition and enlargement of the Memorial Hospital, the building of an entirely new structure in another part of the city. Touching the cost of the proposed annex, the report read:

"After considering the various proposals submitted to your committee I fail to see how it is possible for a greater size of building to be erected for a less amount of money than was expended on the present non-fireproof wing, and in all earnestness I do not see how it is possible for your committee to make any comparison with the contractor's estimates based upon such incomplete data as the contractors undoubtedly figured on."

"At the same time I trust your honorable committee will not forget that an entirely new hospital in a suitable location may be erected and equipped at a cost approximating \$100,000 and that this total cost will hardly exceed the amount necessary to extend and remodel the present Memorial Hospital so as to increase its capacity to take care of emergencies and future growth."

Favors Central Location.

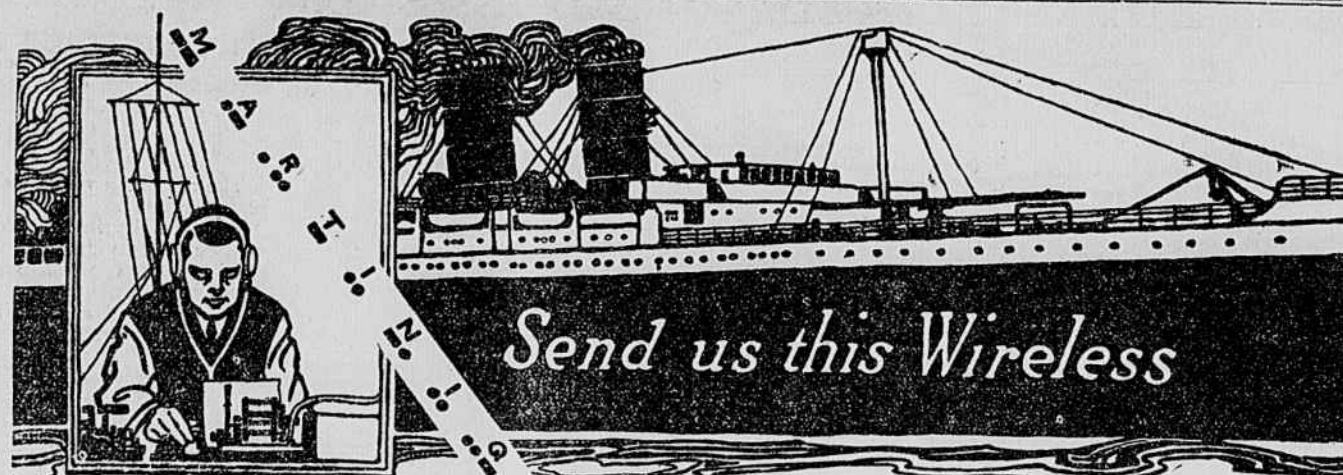
Dr. George Ben Johnston explained the architects' drawings for the annex which he thought could be constructed at a cost considerably below the estimate of the Building Inspector. He was opposed for a number of reasons to the project of building a city hospital in the suburbs or in an outlying section of the city.

Such a location, he said, would necessitate long hauls for injured persons, since most accidents happen in the congested business and manufacturing districts. There would be correspondingly long hauls for all hospital supplies and greater inconvenience for attending physicians. The proposition to locate the hospital in the suburbs, he thought, demanded that the municipal hospital be situated within easy access of the densely populated districts.

Objections along the same line were offered by Dr. C. M. Miller, who asked that the committee vote down any proposition to locate the hospital in the suburbs, a central location such as the one offered by the taking over and enlargement of the Memorial Hospital, he said, was most desirable. In addition to the advantages enumerated by Dr. Johnston, he said, it would be of immeasurably greater convenience to the ambulatory sick.

Would Have to Condemn Property.

In support of his contention that a new building upon some other site would be preferable to the plan under consideration, Building Inspector Beck pointed out that the proposed annex



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would involve the condemnation by the city of the three buildings on Governor Street, immediately south of the hospital, at a cost of \$25,000 or more. This item as well as the \$10,000 of indebtedness which the city would have to assume in taking over the Memorial Hospital, he said, would be avoided in building upon a new site.

Much of the same view was held by Jacob Linlauf, who figured that at the lowest estimate \$250,000 would be needed to place the property in a position to cope with the city's needs. He advised a careful investigation into the comparative merits of the present location and one in another section of the city, before final action should be taken by the committee.

Subcommittee Favors Plan

In its written communication, the subcommittee reported conferences with the Building Inspector, and with Dr. Geo. Ben Johnston, and appended tentative bids from three Richmond contractors for the construction of the proposed annex. The bids were: J. T. Nichols, \$116,448; W. A. Chesterman, \$106,645, and N. E. Anacrow, \$79,023. The report concluded with the following recommendation: "After thoughtful and careful consideration, your subcommittee believes that the proposition is a good one, and in view of the plans and estimates submitted, which are herewith transmitted to you, respectfully, recommends that the gift of the Memorial Hospital from the Charlotte Williams Hospital Corporation be accepted by the city of Richmond, the terms and conditions of acceptance to be such as you may deem wise, advisable and necessary."

"In conclusion, it may be stated that the subcommittee did not undertake to go into the question of the cost of operating and maintaining the hospital as, in their opinion, the comparative cost of operating and maintaining an entirely new hospital will approximate practically the same."

PINCHOT AGAIN REVERSED.

Idaho Has Recovered Big Timber Tract From a Forest Reserve.

Boise, Idaho, June 24.—There is great rejoicing among the people of Idaho because of another reversal of the policy of Gifford Pinchot by the authorities in Washington. They have restored to the State 100,000 acres of the finest white pine land in the state, valued at more than \$3,000,000, which under the former administration of the forests was tied up in the St. Joe National Reserve.

It has been a sore point with the public men in this State that so much land that could be exploited for the benefit of the Commonwealth was tied up under the administration of President Roosevelt, and this fact had much to do with the Taft victory in Idaho. The same is true of Utah and Colorado. Other tracts have been put into the national reserves, and so have been kept from adding to the wealth of the States. Nominally, these reserves are open to the miner and homesteader, but the Federal officers in charge have such regulations that settlers and prospectors and so have been very difficult to exploit.

It was shown to the administration in Washington on behalf of Idaho that Congress in admitting the State had intended that it should have large tracts of public land to be sold and used for the development of its schools and other public institutions, but that

the Forestry Bureau had ignored this intent and had taken much land that properly should go to the State. Members of Congress from the West have recently won a decided victory in Congress in the passage of the bill permitting homesteaders to live only part of the year on their claims, thus enabling them to work elsewhere and get money for development. Now other measures intended to aid the development of these Commonwealths will be pushed. It is recognized that with the opening of the Panama Canal there will be a great influx of immigrants into the whole Pacific region, and the leading men wish to have Federal restrictions removed so far as possible.

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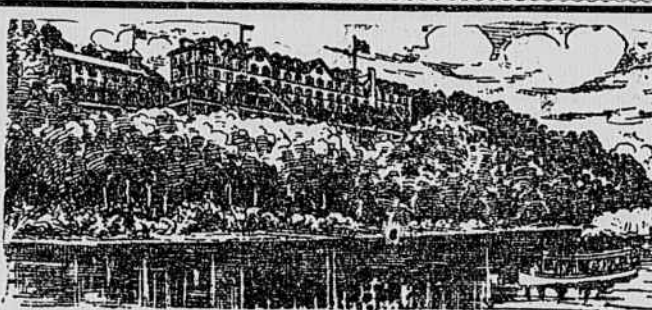
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